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DETAILED ACTION

Withdrawal Of Final rejection

1. Because continuation application serial number 09/139,020 may result in allowable subject matter that will effect the rejection of this parent application, the finality of the rejection is withdrawn in the present application.

Suspension of Prosecution

2. Because the outcome of 09/139,020 has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application, prosecution in the present application is SUSPENDED pending a final judgment of second pair-of-eye review for 09/139,020.

Time period for Petition

3. Any petition regarding the above action must be made by applicant (with proper processing fee) within one month of the mailing date of this office action. **No** extension of time is permitted.

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alain L. Bashore whose telephone number is 703-308-1884. The examiner can normally be reached on about 7:30 am to 5:00 pm (Alternate Fridays Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 703-308-1065. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7687 for regular communications and 703-305-7687 for After Final communications.

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